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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated/released by the Government to Non- Governmental Organizations/implementing agencies under various schemes for the welfare of disabled persons alongwith details of proposals received in this regard during 2007-08 State/UT-wise, NGO-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) the details of utilization of funds by each NGO/implementing agency during 2006-07, scheme-wise;

(c) whether some NGOs have been found misusing funds on a large scale;

(d) if so, the details of complaints received against the NGOs for mis-utilisation of funds and the action taken against them; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the misuse of funds by NGOs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) For the welfare of disabled persons, Rs. 143.00 Crores have been allocated for the year 2007-08. Till 01.12.2007, 927 proposals have been received and Rs. 9.60 Crore to 26 NGOs/implementing agencies; Rs. 21.93 Crore to 394 NGOs; and Rs. 12.14 lakhs to one NGO in different States/UTs have been released under the Schemes of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances (ADIP); Deendayal Disability Rehabilitation Scheme(DDRS); and District Disability Rehabilitation Centre(DDRC) respectively.

(b) During the year 2006-07, Rs. 54.60 Crore to 742 NGOs, Rs. 60.19 Crore to 88 NGOs/implementing agencies and Rs. 1.21 Crore to 10 NGOs were released as grants-in-aid for utilization under the Schemes of DDRS, ADIP and DDRC respectively.

(c) to (e) Ten Non-Governmental Organisations have been blacklisted when they were found misusing the funds. Enquiries in eight other complaints against NGOs were initiated. In two of these cases, complaints were found baseless and grants- in-aid have been resumed. For checking mis-utilization of the funds by the NGOs, several measures are in place, including inspection by the State Government/Government of India representatives and scrutiny of periodic progress reports, audited accounts and utilization certificates.